and rural areas separately and the remaining number to be opened after 1-9-1990 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

In addition to the above, more post offices may be sanctioned during 1990-91 after finalisation of revised norms.

Allowing private sector to own Channels of Doordarshan

3360. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to allow private sector to own channels of Doordarshan in order to make it autonomous in real sense;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) control of television channels by the private Sector will be against public interest.

Hindi news Bulletin in Tamil Nadu

3361. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Samachar (Hindi News Bulletin at 20.40 hrs.) is not shown on Doordarshan in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether such option is open to other States also?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The relay of the evening national news bulletin in Hindi from Doordarshan Kendra, Madars, was discontinued from November, 1982 at the request of Government of Tamil-Nadu. The Government does not propose to extend this arrangement to other Kendras.

Post and Telegraph Office in the Industrial Estate, Waluj in Aurangabad District

3362. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that presently, not a single post and telegraph office in the Industrial Estate, Waluj, in Aurangabad District of Maharashtra is functioning;

(b) if so, considering the importance of the industrial estate whether Government propose to establish a post and telegraph office in Waluj industrial area;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if answer to (b) is in the negative, whether Government would consider the question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) While there is no P & T office in the Estate itself there is a sub post office with telegraph facilities functioning in Waluj village, near the industrial estate.

(b) and (c) There is a proposal for a delivery of sub post office as well as for a telecom. centre in the industrial estate with facilities for booking telegrams, local and STD calls. While the telecom. entre is likely to be opened by the end of September 1990, the proposal for the post office is likely to be considered during the current year.

(d) Does not arise.